सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री (श्री प्रमोद महाजन) : (क) प्रसार भारती ने सूचित किया है कि श्री जसदेव सिहं को प्रसार भारती के माध्यम से रक्षा मंत्रालय ने इस गणतंत्र दिवस परेड (26 जनवरी, 1999) और राजपथ पर सांस्कृतिक समारोह की सार्वजनिक प्रसार प्रणाली के द्वारा हिन्दी में कमेटरी देने के लिए बुक किया था । श्री सिंह ने इस प्रस्ताव को स्वीकार कर लिया था । इसलिए उन्हें प्रसार भारती द्वारा बुक नहीं किया जा सका ।

(ख) और (ग) प्रश्न नहीं उठतें ।

Insurance Cover to Pilgrims

*299. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government propose to introduce a Scheme for granting insurance cover to those undertaking pilgrimage to hazardous places or through hazardous routes; and

(b) if so, the details of the scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE BANKING REVEUNE AND FINANCE (SHRI KADAMBUR M.R. JANARTHANAN): (a) and (b) There is no proposal to introduce a specific insurance cover for those undertaking pilgrimage to hazardous places or through hazardous routes only. The four subsidiary companies of the General Insurance Corporation of India are already issuing personal Accident policies covering accidents and illnesses during travel. package Personal Accident Policies under the brand names "Suhana Safar" and "Marg Bandhu" are also issued by the general insurance Companies for travellers. These policies can be taken by domestic travellers as well as those undertaking pilgrimage to hazardous places.

Recruitment of Stores and Supply Assistant

*300. SHRI GANDHI AZAD: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the name of candidates empanelled vide Indian Airlines reference No. IGIA/ PS/bharti/4563-C-6 dated the 20th July, 1995 (examination held on 5th December, 1993, interviews conducted in April, 1994) for the post of "Stores and Supply Assistant" in Indian Airlines indicating General/ST/ST/OBC category;

(b) the date of issuance of appointment offer;

(c) the criteria adopted for the offer of appointment;

(d) whether the empanelled candidates were given appointment offer according to the merit; and

(e) if so, the details thereof indicating category-wise (SC/ST/OBC) names of the candidates; if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR):

(a) Interviews for the post of Stores and Supplies Assistant In Indian Airlines, Northern Region were held during April and June, 1994. The names of the em panelled candidates are given in the Statement -I *(see* below)

(b) Appointment letter to one scheduled caste candidate was issued on 7.7.1995 and to 10 other candidates (General category-8, SC-2) were issued on 7.4.1997.

(c) and (d) The offer of appointment was issued in the order of merit in which the candidates were empanelled subject to the number of posts required to be filled and the reservation applicable for SC & ST candidates.

(c) The details of the candidates to whom the offer of appointment was made category wise are given in the Statement-II below.

Statement-I

INDIAN AIRLINES LIMITED
NORTHERN REGION

Names of Candidates Empanelled for the Post of Stores & Supplies Assistant for which selection was Finalised in 1995

SI. No.	*Name (S/Shri)*	*SI. No.*	*Names (S/Shri)*
	General C	*Candida tes*	
1.	Miss. Vandana Luthra	2.	Hemant Kapoor
3.	Miss Deepika Shukla	4.	Sandeep Khanna
5.	Miss Anjali Malhotra	6.	Deepak Verma
7.	Neeraj Mehra	8.	Miss Vibha Bhasin
9.	Nikhilesh Kohli	10.	Naveen Bhatnagar
11.	Virender Kansal	12.	Arun Kumar Rao
13.	Rakesh Bhambri	14.	Mukesh Pal
15.	Gaurav Srivastava	16.	D.C.D. Dass
17.	Miss Shobhna Sharma	18.	Pramod Kumar Gupta
19.	Raj Kumar Saini	20.	Pradeep Kumar
21.	Sunil Chand Yadav	22.	Samson John
23.	Bharat Bhushan	24.	Atul Malhotra
25.	Kailash Chand	26.	C. Eswara Sunder
27.	Niraj	28.	Jagdish Lal
29.	Sumit Kumar Das	30.	Rajinder Pal Singh
31.	Sunil Singh	32.	Sandeep Thareja
33.	Manoj Kumar	34.	Naresh Kumar Saxena
35.	Sunil Kumar Bhola	36.	Mahesh Kumar
37.	Sameer Anand	38.	G. Prasanna
39.	Kapil Kumar	40.	Harish Kumar Dhawan
41.	Shailandra Kumar	42.	Ved Kumar Singh Kashyap
43.	Manoj Kumar Pandey		

Scheduled Caste Candidates

1. Vijay Kumar Kalakoti
2. Mukesh Kumar
3. Suresh Kumar
4. Subhash Chander Musania
5. Vijay Kumar Jassal
6. Sunil Kumar
7. Sandeep Choudhary

Statement-II

List of Candidates to whom the offer of Appointment was Made

S.No.	*Name (S/Shri)*	*Whether SC/ST/OBC*	*Date of Issue of Appointment Letter*
1.	Vijay Kumar Kalakoti	SC	7.7.95
2.	Miss. Vandana Luthra	—	7.4.97
3.	*Hemant Kapoor	—	7.4.97
4.	Miss. Deepika Shukla	—	7.4.97
5.	*Sandecp Khanna	—	7.4.97
6.	Miss. Anjali Malhotra	—	7.4.97
7.	Deepak Verma	—	7.4.97
8.	Shri Neeraj Mehra	—	7.4.97
9.	Miss Vibha Bhasin	—	7.4.97
10.	Shri Mukesh Kumar	SC	7.4.97
11.	Shri Suresh Kumar	SC	7.4.97

*Candidates did not join.

No ST candidate qualified in the interview.

Reservation for OBC was not applicable as the recruitment process had been initiated prior to September, 1993.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Upgradation of airports in Maharashtra

2171. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken fresh initiatives for upgradation/expansion of Nagpur and other airports in Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have set up a Committee to advise it in the matter;

(d) how soon Government are ex pected to announce the decision on up-gradation of Nagpur Airport to handle regular international air passenger traffic; and

(e) the details of provision of funds for projects in Maharashtra for 1999-2000?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) and (b) Work relating to upgradation/ expansion of airports is reviewed by the Government from time to time. The details of works being undertaken in Maharashtra in this regard are as below:—

(1) Works on extension of apron, taxi-way, construction of new Technical Block cum Control Tower and Installation of Monopulse Secondary Surveillance Radar have been taken up at Nagpur airport at an estimated cost of Rs. 25.71 crores.

(2) At Aurangabad airport the extension of runway to 9000 feet, construction of new apron, link taxiway, new terminal building and carpark area will be taken up at an estimated cost of Rs. 67 crores.